

REPORT ON INFORMATION COLLECTED CONCERNING APPLICANT

Under section 60835 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, the Bureau of State Audits is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is needed by the Applicant Review Panel to perform its responsibilities. Pursuant to that regulation, Stephanie Ramirez-Ridgeway, Counsel for the Applicant Review Panel, requested information on behalf of the panel concerning an applicant being considered for selection to the Commission. This is a report by bureau staff in response to that request.

Name of Applicant: Michael Amabile.

Date of request to collect information: April 27, 2010.

Statement of request: Find out whether Applicant was appointed by the Governor to the Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley in 2006, and if so, whether this constitutes having been appointed to a state office.

Response to request: Bureau staff confirmed that in 2005 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Michael Amabile to become a member of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. This is a state office, as defined in title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 60829, as it is an office within the government of the State of California, created by executive order and receiving administrative support from the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency. This therefore constitutes having been appointed to a state office under title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 60804, which includes in the definition of appointment to state office any appointment to a state office by the Governor.

Recommendation: Applicant should be removed from the supplemental applicant pool due to being ineligible to serve as a member of the Commission under section 8252, subdivision (a)(2)(A)(i) of the Government Code, which prohibits anyone from serving on the Commission who has been appointed to a state office within 10 years immediately preceding the date of submitting an application.

Name and title of person submitting response: Steven Benito Russo, Chief of Investigations.

Response Date: May 14, 2010.